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(Our Case No. 2085-16480US01)

PATENT APPLICATION OF:

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FOR: Use of an Aqueous Solution of
Citric Acid and a Water-Soluble
Sugar Like Lacitol as Granulation
Liquid in the Manufacture of
Tablets

Examiner: Gigi Georgiana Huang

Group Art Unit: 1618

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner of Patents
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Dear Commissioner:

This paper responds to the Office Action dated October 18, 2007. The Office Action required an election of one of the following groups of inventions:

Group I, claims 1-7, drawn to a method of granulation of excipients using a binding solution comprising citric acid and a sugar;

Group II, claims 8-14, drawn to a composition comprising excipients comprising citric acid and sugar as binders;


Group III, claims 15-21, drawn to a tablet comprising excipients where citric acid and sugar are binders; and

Group IV, claims 22-28, drawn to a method of making a tablet where excipients are granulated with a citric acid and sugar binder solution.

Applicants hereby elect with traverse Group I, corresponding to claims 1-7, as grouped in the October 18, 2007 Office Action. Applicants traverse the restriction requirement on the basis that a search and examination applicable to Group II claims 8-14, Group III claims 15-21 and Group IV claims 22-28, as well as the elected Group I claims 1-7, can be made without serious burden.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge Account No. 13-0017 (McAndrews, Held & Malloy) for any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,



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